GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3692
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2002
DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICITY IN H.E.C. RANCHI
RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the H.E.C., Ranchi is not making payment of its electricity bills due to which the electricity connection of the said undertaking was cut several times affecting the production adversely;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) The electricity connection of HEC, Ranchi was cut on some occasions due to non-payment of electricity bills.After formation of Jharkhand State Electricity Board (JSEB) disconnection of electricity was done only once for a short period.

(b) At times payment of electricity bills have been irregular due to funds constraints and because of dispute regarding reconciliation of the total outstanding amount.

(c) Government had released a non-plan loan Rs.14.89 crore in February 2000 to HEC for payment of electricity bills. The Government of India had written to State Government of Bihar and, subsequently Jharkhand for settlement of the dispute.